

BASEBALL—SPORTS OF ALL SORTS—BOXING

The backers of Johnny Ertle, the young St. Paul bantam, are making a mistake in attempting to match the kewpie with Kid Williams for a championship bout in Milwaukee next month. The fight has not been definitely closed, but the Ertle crowd is eager for it, and Tom Andrews is trying to secure the consent of Williams to the meeting.

Ertle is a good fighter, a willing mixer, with a remarkable punch, when the size of the midget is considered. But it is doubtful if he is rugged enough and old enough to cope with such a fellow as Williams, experienced, seasoned and toughened by several years' work in the ring.

Many good young fighters have been spoiled by forcing. Eddie Campi, the coast phenom, was a great bantam until he was sent to the front rank too soon. He was licked, and has never been the same battler since.

Ertle has lots of time to reach the top. He is young enough to wait. He can make the bantam limit of 116 pounds without the slightest trouble. Williams, on the other hand, finds it difficult to fight at less than 118. Should Ertle wait a few months Williams might be automatically forced into a heavier classification, and then the St. Paul lad could claim the title.

Winning it in a stand-up fight would make a greater impression, to be sure, but he isn't ready to tackle the champion's game yet. Ertle's last fight was against Pal Moore, and the southern experts gave Moore a slight edge. Johnny claims to have floored Moore and clearly earned the decision.

Billy Walters of Chicago, scheduled for a ten-round go with Billy Kraemer in Milwaukee last night, left the hall before time for the fight, and steps will be taken to have him barred from fighting in Wisconsin. The house was small.

Fed League Results Yesterday
Kansas City, 3; Pittsburgh, 0.
Newark, 8; Baltimore, 5.
Brooklyn, 7; Buffalo, 5.
St. Louis-Chicago (wet grounds.)

Manager Bresnahan had his Cubs out on the west side field under the friendly sun today for a final practice before the opening of the National league season tomorrow. The St. Louis Cardinals, first opponents of the local diamond gladiators, were also in action, Miller Huggins being allowed the field for a short time to give his people some limbering exercises.

Bresnahan is still firm in his determination to use Jim Vaughn as his first pitcher, with Jimmy Archer back of the bat, and the remainder of the team lining up as in the spring exhibition contests. There is a chance that Art Phelan will replace McLarry at second, with Kniseley in center instead of Williams if Huggins uses a southpaw.

Early indications, however, are that the Cardinal pilot will send Bill Doak to the firing line, in which case Bresnahan will stand pat, as he will inject as many left-handed batsmen as possible into the fray to face the star National league right-hander.

Kniseley is the only man who can in any way be considered on the sick list. Pickleburg Pete has a gash in his face, cut by a foul tip from his own bat. The other fellows have complete control over their arms and legs, and the team is better conditioned than any other squad in the National. This will be a major asset in the early days of the season and should result in a flying start.

Extensive preparations are being made for a grand opening, with all the side issue ceremonies that have marked past baseball inaugurals. President Thomas opines that the affair will shade the Federal blowoff of